

IC 20-10.1-25.5

Chapter 25.5. Educational Technology Council; Special Assistant for Technology

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"Council" defined

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the educational technology council established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.260-1997(ss), SEC.75. Amended by P.L.2-1998, SEC.63.

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Establishment of council

Sec. 2. The educational technology council is established.

As added by P.L.260-1997(ss), SEC.75.

IC 20-10.1-25.5-3

Advisory duties; members

Sec. 3. (a) The council shall advise the state superintendent and the governor on education related technology initiatives.

(b) The appointed membership of the council shall reflect its purposes and be experienced in technology generally. An appointed member of the council serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The council consists of the following sixteen (16) voting members:

(1) The state superintendent of public instruction.

(2) The special assistant to the state superintendent of public instruction responsible for technology who is appointed under section 5 of this chapter.

(3) Four (4) individuals who represent private business appointed jointly by the state superintendent and the governor. Each member appointed under this subdivision must be experienced in development and utilization of information technology. None of the members appointed under this subdivision may represent possible providers of technology or related services.

(4) Three (3) individuals who:

(A) manage educational environments, including higher education; and

(B) are experienced in their educational work with information technology;

are appointed jointly by the state superintendent and the governor.

(5) Three (3) individuals who are public school educators familiar with and experienced in the use of technology in educational settings appointed jointly by the state superintendent and the governor, with one (1) representing an urban school corporation, one (1) representing a suburban school corporation, and one (1) representing a rural school corporation.

(6) Four (4) members who are members of the general assembly and who are appointed as follows:

(A) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with not more than one (1) from a particular political party.

(B) Two (2) members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with not more than one (1) from a particular political party.

(c) The state superintendent shall designate the chair of the council from the membership of the council.

(d) Nine (9) members of the council constitute a quorum to conduct business. No action of the council is valid unless approved by at least seven (7) voting members of the council.

(e) Each member of the council who is not a state employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem as provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(f) Each member of the council who is a state employee but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(g) Each member of the council who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on interim study committees established by the legislative council.

As added by P.L.260-1997(ss), SEC.75. Amended by P.L.77-1999, SEC.5.

IC 20-10.1-25.5-4

Employment of personnel and consultants

Sec. 4. The department may employ personnel, consultants, or both, to carry out the council's duties and functions.

As added by P.L.260-1997(ss), SEC.75.

IC 20-10.1-25.5-5

Appointment of special assistant for technology

Sec. 5. (a) The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint a special assistant for technology. The person appointed under this section serves at the pleasure of the superintendent of public instruction.

(b) The person appointed under this section must be experienced in the integration of educational technology initiatives, infrastructure management and support, and applied research into effective

educational practices available to students and educators in the classroom. The superintendent is encouraged to conduct a nationwide search for the best available talent to fill the position required by this section.

(c) The person appointed under this section shall coordinate the duties and functions of the department and the council under the following:

- (1) IC 20-10.1-25 (student technology program).
- (2) This chapter.
- (3) IC 20-10.1-25.3 (technology grants).
- (4) Any other law concerning educational technology or telecommunications.

As added by P.L.260-1997(ss), SEC.75.